

Remarks

In response to the restriction requirement of March 21, 2008, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1 to 3 and 11 (referred to in the Action as claim 13, which, however, has been cancelled).

Within this group, applicants provisionally elect the compound of claim 2 with $n=2$ as a species to be searched first. Claim 2 is currently directed to this species. Applicants would also like to respectfully request that the Office considers searching, subsequent to the elected species, the compound of claim 2 with $n=1$, followed by the compound of claim 2 with $n=3$. Claim 2 is currently directed to these further species.

Applicants would like to traverse the restriction requirement on the following grounds:

With regard to the two identified groups, the Office found lack of the same or corresponding special technical feature for the following reasons: Heppler et al. (Chemistry: A European Journal, 1999, 5(7), 1974-81 (1999)) teach compound 6 (page 1975), which was said to anticipate a compound of claim 4.

Applicants respectfully disagree and would like to direct the Office's attention to the definitions of X and Y in claim 4.

Accordingly, reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that no fee is due with this submission. However, the Office is authorized to charge any additional fees that might be required and credit any overpayments to undersigned deposit account no. 50-3135.

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